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Why seek ye the living among the dead ? He is not here but is risen.

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Strike your golden harps and sing,  
Angels bright repeat his praise,  
Let the aisles of heaven ring,  
With exultant lays.

Lift your heads ye pearly gates !  
See, the Victor comes this way,  
Royal worship now awaits,  
Christ your Lord, to-day.

Hark ! across the crystal sea,  
With triumphant chords they sing,  
Praise his name eternally !  
Crown him ! crown the King.

### DEATH OF ISAAC ZARTMAN.

Wednesday morning, March 6, the pastor received a telegram from his old home at Glenford, O., bearing the sad intelligence of his father's death. We had received no information of father's illness, and this was to us a very unexpected and sad message. On the day following we went to Glenford to attend the funeral, which was held on Saturday morning, March 9, at the St. Paul's Reformed church, where father had been a member for nearly seventy years. Upon our arrival home we found mother quite feeble; but bearing up under her afflictions and sorrow with a true Christian spirit. The sons and daughters living were all privileged to be present at the funeral, and also many of the grand children and father's only surviving sister, Mrs. Margaret Vogt, of Upper Sandusky O. Rev. D. W. Loucks, pastor of the St. Paul's church, assisted by Rev. C. M. Rohrbach, of Thornville, O., conducted the funeral services. Both delivered short addresses, messages full of comfort and hope. The former spoke on the text, Jno. 16:32-33, the latter Ps. 37:37. The following hymns were sung at the services: At the home, "Asleep in Jesus" and "Abide With Me." At the church from funeral services of Song, "Home at Last," "Beautiful Gates," "We Shall Meet Them By and By." The three sons, Solomon K., Allen K., Rufus C., and three grand sons, P. E. Zartman, Edgar E. Alspach, Homer Mechling, were the active pall bearers. There were six honorary pall bearers, two of father's nephews, Frank Smith and Len. Scheider. The others were some of his old and trusted friends, Isaac Vogt, Seth.

Johnson, Peter Mechling and John Dupeller. We append below the obituary which was read at the funeral service:

Elder Isaac Zartman, son of Alexander and Saloma Zartman, was born in Hopewell township, Perry Co., O., March 14, 1814. He departed this life Tuesday evening, March 5, 1901. On Monday, March 4 he celebrated his 87th birthday. Four of the daughters, some of the grandchildren, pastor and others gathered at the home to spend the day with the aged parents. The day was spent very pleasantly, and father felt reasonably well until a late hour in the afternoon, when he took a severe chill, but rallied during the night, and on Tuesday was much better. At a few minutes before 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening he took a second severe attack, and at ten minutes after 8 he calmly and peacefully passed into the Great Beyond.

Father's life was long and useful, in the home, in the church, and in the community. He was born of Christian parentage and was consecrated in infancy to the Lord in holy baptism by Rev. Jacob Leist. After a course of catechization he made a public profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 16. He was confirmed by Rev. David Long. He was united in marriage June 25, 1835, to Rebecca, daughter of Peter and Mary Magdeline King, by the Rev. Charles Henkle. For the first year of their married life they resided with father's parents, and then settled upon the farm where they have lived for more than 65 years. During the third year of their marriage the farm was purchased, and then by many years of hard and incessant labor was cleared up and improved. All the buildings now on the farm were erected by him. He took a great delight in his farm and especially in fruit culture, and for its large orchards the farm was one of the choicest in the community,

In the work of the church and in the

Christian life, Father was most earnest, sincere and useful. From early manhood he took a very active part in the Master's work. At the time of his confirmation he united with Zion's Reformed church in Thorn township. At the organization of St. Paul's Reformed church, he identified himself with this congregation, of which he remained a member until the time of his death. When St. Paul's church building was erected he was one of a committee of three to solicit funds for the building. He served the St. Paul's congregation in the offices of deacon, elder, trustee and church secretary. He was the chorister of the church and Sunday school for about 40 years. From the time of the organization of the the Sunday school he was one of its faithful and ardent supporters. For nearly 50 years he taught an adult class in the Sunday school. He was never absent from Sunday school or church services, unless prevented by illness. He was a liberal supporter of the St. Paul's church, and always gave liberally and cheerfully for the general work of the church.

He was in many ways the servant of the people. He was public spirited and most helpful to the community during his long life. When a youth he had but limited opportunities of obtaining an education, but by constant reading and application he acquired a great fund of useful and practical knowledge. He served in the office Justice of the Peace for 54 years, was township treasurer for 24 years, and served 17 years on the Public School Board.

In the home, especially, was father exemplary, and most helpful. He was kind and devoted, a faithful husband, and an affectionate father. He lived a pious, godly life, and by example and precept sought to bring up his sons and daughters in the fear and admonition of the Lord. In the home he was hospitable and kind. To pastor, kindred, neighbors, friends, and strangers, —to every person—the home was al-

ways open, and there was to all alike a hearty welcome.

The marriage union of father and mother was blessed with four sons and five daughters. One little son, Levi, more than 50 years ago, went to the Heavenly Home. The aged mother, three sons and five daughters survive the father: Mrs. Leah A. Mechling, of Glenford, O.; Solomon, K. Zartman, of Dayton, O.; Mrs. Sarah A. Swinehart, of Somerset, O.; Mrs. Maggie Z. Vogt, of Dayton, O.; Mrs. Angie A. Alspach, who at present resides at the old home; Rev. Allen K. Zartman, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mrs. Margaret Jane Parks, of Glenford, O.; Rev. Rufus Calvin Zartman, Philadelphia, Pa. There are living twenty-five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Five grandchildren and one great-grandchild have been transplanted into the Father's garden above.

Father had four brothers and four sisters. The whole family has now passed over the river, save one sister, Mrs. Margaret Vogt, of Upper Sandusky, O., and one sister-in-law, the wife of Henry Zartman. Father Zartman was aged 87 years and one day. Fourteen years ago he had a serious and protracted illness. For some days he himself and the family despaired of his life, but the Lord's appointed time had not yet come, and he was spared for these remaining days and years. During his recent brief illness he remained conscious up to the very moment of his death. He knew the end was at hand, and during the day of Tuesday frequently spoke of his near departure. A few moments before his death, he was very earnest and fervent in prayer, and like our Savior, committed himself into the care and to the mercy of God. His last and parting words were spoken in German and were these: "Ich gehe in die ewigkeit." These words are most significant in the German language. Their interpretation means more than to say, I am going into the eternity. To the German (Continued on page 5.)

## Grace Church Visitor.

REV. A. K. ZARTMAN, Editor and Publisher.

Subscription, 25 cents per year, in advance.

The ladies of the 3rd section netted \$25 at their supper, given Thursday evening, March 7.

Just as we go to press with this issue of the VISITOR, we learn of the death of Mother Weikert. The obituary notice will appear in the May issue.

For some months past the matter of raising a certain amount of money to apply on the church debt has been under consideration by the consistory. The whole matter was finally referred to the pastor to devise plans and to inaugurate the work of soliciting. After much thought and prayer he finally concluded that a canvass of the church should be made, with the hope of raising several thousand dollars. The matter was mentioned to one of the members of the church, and to our joy there came at once the cheerful and hearty response, "I will give \$1000 toward this fund." This is certainly a generous and munificent gift, and will, we are sure, stimulate the whole church to give most cheerfully. There should now be no difficulty in raising an additional thousand or more. \$600 of this \$1000 gift has already been paid and applied on the debt of the church. A canvass of the whole church will soon be made. Every member will have an opportunity of contributing to this fund. The time has come when we can and should materially decrease our church debt, and we feel confident that the church is ready for this movement. Be

thoughtful and prayerful about this matter, asking the Lord what you shall give to this fund. There should be, and undoubtedly will be some \$100 subscriptions, some \$50, some \$25, and so on. We hope to report progress in this work in the next issue of the VISITOR.

### DEPARTED.

Philip J. Richards, after an illness of two weeks, died at his home, 46 Lavina street, Tuesday, Feb. 12. He was born in Fort Wayne, Jan. 20, 1852. He was aged, at his death, 49 years and 22 days. He was married to Miss Mary Cramer Nov. 20, 1872. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, two sons, one daughter, one brother, and one sister. Mr. Richards was confirmed in the St. John's Reformed church in his youth, and afterwards connected himself with the Grace Reformed church. The pastor visited Mr. Richards a number of times during his brief illness. He was very cheerful and patient at all times, and hopeful of his condition; but it was very evident from the beginning of his sickness that there was but little hope of his recovery. He remained conscious until the last, and was always pleased to see the pastor, and enjoyed the words of prayer we had with him. When asked as to his preparation for death, he said he was ready if the Lord should call him. He passed away peacefully, and has gone to his eternal reward. The funeral services were held at the church Sabbath afternoon, Feb. 17. May the Lord sustain and comfort this family in their sorrow and bereavement.

Hot biscuit and maple sprup supper, Thursday evening, April 11

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they mean, I am going into eternal rest and peace. Father was a great lover of nature, of the beautiful flowers, of the birds, and the song of the bird. He was a great lover of music, and for many years spent much of his time in teaching the young people in this and surrounding communities to sing. He has now gone to live forever with nature's God and our Lord. He has gone to join the great company of friends and loved ones who have gone before, and to join the heavenly choir, where they sing forever the new, new song of Moses and the Lamb.

"Earth's beautiful and lovely flowers,  
Can charm us but a day.  
But there are higher, holier bowers  
Where life knows no decay."

"O blessed world! Immortal bowers,  
Where life knows no decay;  
There blooms our transplanted  
flowers  
In God's eternal day."

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- April 7—Dead to sin, alive to Christ.  
Eph. 2:10. Lyda Neidhammer.
- April 17—Foundations. Matt. 7:24-27.  
John Knight.
- April 21—Walking with Jesus. Col. 2:  
6-7; Gal. 5:16-26. Lizzie Rudisil.
- April 28—Fidelity to Pledges: "I  
promise." Ps. 65:1-4; 61:1-8; 116:12-  
14. Mr. Zartman.

**JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER  
MEETING TOPICS.**

- April 7—Spring flowers and risen  
bodies. Matt. 28: 1-8. (Easter  
meeting.)
- April 14—Lessons from Bible brothers.  
(Cain and Abel, Joseph, Moses  
and Aaron, John and James, Peter  
Andrew, etc.)
- April 21—What Jesus bore for us. 1  
Pet. 2:21-25.
- April 28—Pledge meeting No. 2:  
"Whatever He would like to have  
me do." John 15:13-16.

Hot biscuit and maple syrup supper  
Thursday evening, April 11th.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's  
Aid society will be held Thursday  
afternoon, April 11th.

The ladies of the 4th section, Mrs.  
Henry Kessler, chairman, will give the  
monthly supper at the church, Thurs-  
day evening, April 11. Among some  
of the good things which they will  
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